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THE FUGITIVE.

BY FRANK H. COLEBURN.

Circumstances certainly pointed to the fact that John Logan was a thief. The horse had been found in his possession, and he had been unable to satisfactorily explain how he came by it. Everybody in Rocky Gorge knew the horse. How was it possible to mistake that white nose and evil eye? The owner was willing to swear to the animal, and the owner was an honest man. What further evidence could be desired?

John Logan protested his innocence, but so would the most hardened of criminals. No, no! The jury was quite correct in their verdict of "Guilty," and the judge improvised for the occasion stood up and solemnly pronounced the death sentence.

John Logan heard it unmoved. He was not afraid to die. He had been a citizen of Rocky Gorge for three years, and had not made a single friend. He was the most unsociable man alive. During the day he worked at his claim; when night fell he sought his lonely cabin and kept it. Three times he had saved a little money, and three times he had been robbed of it all. Some people hardly blamed him for his universal condemnation of mankind; but no one liked him, and when he was sentenced to be hung for horse stealing there was little regret manifested. It was a clear, calm day when John Logan was led out to his doom. He walked bravely to his station beneath the giant arms of an oak tree, but he was resolved not to die an ignominious death by hanging; he would force his executioners to shoot him; so when his hands were unbound just before the noose was put around his neck, he sprang away and ran.

If he had taken the open road he would have been riddled with bullets before he had gone three steps. He was too sensible to make such an error. Instead of striking off on the level he turned and bounded directly up the steep mountain side. A number of shots were fired after him, but the bullets flew wild. The underbrush was very thick and hid him from view. He could hardly hope to escape, however; and there is little doubt but that he would have been quickly captured if pursuit had been promptly given.

Fortunately there was a slight delay. The very audacity of the act paralyzed the beholders; and when finally Jack Hurley, the sheriff, followed by a howling mob of a dozen or more men, sprang away to recover the prisoner, John Logan had gained a start of several hundred yards. And he kept his advantage. He was acquainted with every inch of the mountain. He was strong-limbed and long-winded. Besides, with him it was a matter of life and death, while with his pursuers it was merely a question of sport.

On, on he tore; his eyes were wild and glowing; in a short time the bushes had torn his clothing to shreds; his breath came in great gasps; the sweat stood in drops upon his brow; each look, each movement, denoted agony of mind and body, but still he struggled on.

Just as the sun was sitting he came over the brow of the mountain and looked back at the country spread out like a panorama below. It was very beautiful, but he had no eye just then for the charms of nature. He sat

down to rest. His thoughts turned back to the years when he was a boy. He had been brought up on a farm in an Eastern State. When the gold fever swept all before it he was among the first to desert the prosaic plow and hurry to wider fields of labor. But luck had been against him from the first, and the fortune that had seemed within his grasp so many times was now as far removed as ever.

"If I get away," thought Logan, "I'll quit the West and return to the old farm. I will, by Heaven's!" Strengthened and cheered by the thought of such happiness he sprang to his feet and, though weak with hunger and fatigue, was on the point of hurrying away when a sound, proceeding from a clump of bushes on his right, struck his ear.

"What's that?" he exclaimed in alarm. Again the sound—unmistakably a groan. Logan drew a pistol and waited. A third time it came—a low, wailing moan.

"There's some one in distress," he thought.

Hesitatingly he approached the bushes, and drawing them aside gave a start of surprise. There, lying at full length, his face pale and emaciated, his eyes staring and delirious, was a boy eighteen or twenty years of age. He seemed feverish and ill. Logan wondered how he came there.

"What's the matter?" he asked.

"The lad did not seem to hear."

"Water! Water!" he muttered.

There was a stream only a few feet away. Logan brought some water in his hat, gave it to the sufferer, and bathed his forehead. He knew well enough now what was the trouble; the lad had the mountain fever. He must die soon unless he had medical aid.

Logan stooped and raised the slight figure in his powerful arms; then suddenly it flashed across his brain, "I am a fugitive. It won't do. It is his life or mine, and in such cases every man must look out for himself."

He laid the lad down and bent over him for a moment. When he arose his face was very white. He had drawn a letter from beneath the sufferer's torn shirt, where it lay against the heart that now beat so feebly. It was torn in many places, and the writing half illegible; but he knew it at once; it had been written by his own hand and sent to his brother Jim—little Jim whom he had left upon the farm ten years ago a boy of nine. How well he remembered the day when they had parted—so brave and hopeful, Jim so confident, so absolutely certain that nowhere in this wide world lived the peer of his tall, broad-shouldered brother!

Logan was sure this was Jim. He recalled him feature by feature as he lay unconscious there. He had not changed so very much, after all, since those happy days of ten years ago. But now—now—

"Oh, my God, what shall I do?" cried Logan, wringing his hands. "If he should die—and he will, unless—unless I sacrifice myself for him!"

He passed his hand across his brow. What should he do? Desert his brother? monstrous! Give himself up? No, no! And every moment the breath of the sick boy came in fainter gasps, and the beating of his heart became less and less perceptible. And the brother stood beside him, staring straight ahead, but not seeing—only thinking.

John Hurley, the sheriff of Rocky Gorge, and the body of men who had accompanied him in pursuit of the escaped prisoner, were weary, footsore and disgusted. The chase had proved to be anything but sport. As night fell, the sheriff was forced to confess himself defeated. It would be almost impossible to follow the trail in the darkness.

"We might as well give up and go home, boys," he said despondently.

"The boys" were willing.

"Only let's have supper first," said one.

Fortunately a member of the party had secured a few provisions before starting. So the men sat down in a circle and proceeded to make a hearty meal from crackers and dried beef.

In the midst of it, there came in rapid succession six pistol shots.

"Come on, boys, we've got him!" shrieked the sheriff.

In an instant supper was abandoned, and the men rushed, trembling and eager, up the mountain side. As they neared the summit they came to a halt, for there his tall figure, visible against the mountain side, stood John Logan, glaring down upon them.

They retreated more rapidly than they had advanced; they were not cowards, but they feared some trap. Their alarm was but of momentary duration; then the sheriff, with drawn revolver, called upon Logan to surrender.

"I do," answered the man.

"Chuck me down your pistol,"

The weapon came bounding from rock to rock and fell at the feet of the sheriff.

"Now come down yourself," said Hurley.

"No," answered Logan, "you come here. I wish to speak with you."

The sheriff consulted his followers.

"There's somethin' queer about all this," he said.

"You bet!" agreed the rest in chorus.

"It may be a trap," said Hurley. Then he called up, "What do you want?"

"Won't you let me speak to you alone?"

"Do you think I'm a blame fool?"

"Then listen," said Logan. "Not twenty feet from where I'm standing there lies a boy dying from the mountain fever. His life can be saved if he is carried down to camp at once. Do what you like with me, only do it quickly. Each moment is precious."

"Too thin!" said some one.

"Shut up!" retorted the sheriff, sharply. Then he shouted to Logan, "What's this feller to you that you take such an interest in him?"

"My brother," said Logan, simply.

The sheriff did not say another word. He began to ascend. When he reached the place where Logan was standing he said,—

"Now, then, where is he?"

Logan pointed to where Jim was lying. Hurley went over and knelt beside the lad.

"He's pretty far gone, but we'll save him," he said cheerfully.

"Thank God for that!" exclaimed Logan.

"Now, then, boys," said the sheriff to the rest of the party, who had by this time come up, "scurry round and let's get started on our way back. We'll take turns carrying the lad."

"Shall we hang Logan here or take him back to camp?" asked one luckless man.

Hurley turned sharply round, stared the unfortunate questioner into a very uncomfortable state, and then quietly knocked him down.

"I'm ruler of this here shebang," he said pointedly if inelegantly, "and what I say goes. Now mark this: The man that lays a hand on John Logan I'll fill so full of lead that Salt Lake wouldn't float him." And it was evident Jack Hurley meant what he said.

Well, Jim didn't die. He recovered, and he and his brother worked on the claim together. And it turned out that there were two white-nosed horses, and that each of them had two evil eyes. So John Logan's name was cleared, and the sheriff apologized for the error very handsomely.

John and Jim, two years later, went back to the old farm, each with twenty-five thousand dollars in his possession. And, as the stories say, they married and settled down, and lived happily ever after.—*Waverly Magazine.*

An Aerolite Falls.

Mons. Stanislas Meunier has just contributed to the literature of the Academie des Sciences some interesting particulars of a ferrie aerolite, which has been acquired by the Paris Museum, and which recently fell into the middle of the most extensive barren tract on the surface of the globe, to wit,—the Sahara Desert. The exact contact point, says *Iron*, was a point situated in latitude 28-57° north and longitude 6-49° west, in contiguity to the pits of Hassa-Jekna, on the caravan road from El Golea to Gouarara. A mound of the Chamba tribe, having established his camp in the locality, had departed on a hunting excursion with his men. In his absence, the women, who were seated outside the tents, became suddenly cognizant of a tremendous rushing noise. The next instant they saw, at a distance of some 500 yards, a dark body dash to the ground, the force of the impact causing the sand to belch into the air, with an effect almost like that of the outrushing waters of an Icelandic geyser. The Moorish Nimrods, who had also been attracted by the sound of the falling meteorite, shortly afterward returned, and proceeded to investigate the cause of the phenomenon.

She Moved.

She was a tall woman with a severe cast of countenance and a mole, from which a good-sized goatee depended, on her left cheek. She boarded a Seneca street car the other night and found every seat occupied. No man offered to give her his seat, and she planted herself just inside the door and squarely across the entrance.

"Madam," said the conductor, politely, "I wish you would move forward a little in the car."

"I'll do no such thing," she snapped.

"But, madam," continued the conductor, "people have got to get in and out of this door."

"I don't care if the have. I'll stand here and nowhere else," she said, and her voice was very vinegary.

"I shall have to insist," said the conductor, putting one hand on her shoulder.

She glared at him with unspeakable fury. Then she said, wrathfully: "Take your hands off me, sir. I'll stand here and nowhere else."

"But I insist—"

"I don't care what you do. I have paid my fare and I won't be bossed by no boy of a conductor. I'll stand here and nowhere else can make me move a peg."

Just then the motor man tried to slow down his car and, by mistake, shut the current off entirely. The car stopped suddenly and the tall woman went plunging down the aisle and landed on her knees near the front door.

Everybody smiled and the conductor laughed aloud. She picked herself up and shouted furiously: "Laugh, blame you, but I want you to understand you didn't make me move!"

Buffalo Express.

By one of the Lady Readers of the INDEPENDENT.

SELECTIONS.**ENLIST THE YOUNG.**

The girls and the boys of our nation
Grow fast into women and men;
And we must in childhood instruct them,
If we wish to count on them then.

They need our protection and guidance,
Their hearts it is ours to win,
From the snares and the traps of the tempter,
Spread out in the service of sin.

Ob, won't you assist in our efforts
To train and instruct them aright?
With counsel and kindness prepare them
Life's manifold battles to fight.

'Tis ours to warn and to guide them;
'Tis ours to bid them refuse
The drink and the weed which can only
Their bodies with poison infuse.

The foe is abroad in the nation;
Oh! won't you assist the dear boys
To stand by the true and the noble,
To shun that which blights and destroys?

Remember the young, they are growing;
Ere long they'll be women or men;
The Lord looks to us for their training,
He knows we shall need them all then.

—Thomas R. Thompson.

FROM "BEN HUR."

"I stood in the perfect day, and behold the principle of life, the element of religion, the link between the soul and God—Love!"

"The happiness of love is in action; its test is what one is willing to do for others."

"Religion is merely the law which binds man to his Creator: in purity it has but these elements—God, the Soul, and their mutual recognition; out of which, when put in practice, spring Worship, Love, and Reward."

"Mary, the mother of Jesus, was the child of Joachim and Anna of Bethlehem; and to save her portion of the estate, the law required her to marry her next of kin; she married Joseph—her uncle."

"The goods, the shekels, the ships, the slaves, and the mighty credit, which is a mantle of cloth of gold and finest silver spun for me by the greatest of the angels of men—Success."

"He is never alone who is where God is—and God is everywhere."

"The perfect life for a woman is to live in love; the greatest happiness for a man is the conquest of himself."

"Tis not the casket that we prize,
But that which fills it lies;
These outward charms that please the sight,
Are naught unless the heart be right."

Hair grows white as we grow old;
It is purified from earthiness as we grow toward the time of being like Him who was seen in the vision with "hair like wool."

Every human being has some handle by which he may be lifted; some groove in which he was meant to run; and the great work of life, as far as our relations with each other are concerned, is to lift each by his own proper handle, and run each one in his own proper groove.—*"Little Foxes" by Mrs. Stowe.*

I saw Esau kissing Kate;
And the fact is we all three saw,
I saw Esau, he saw me,
And she saw I saw Esau.

COOKING RECEIPTS.

GINGER SNAPS: 1 cup sugar, 1 cup molasses, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening, 1 teaspoon soda, cinnamon 1 teaspoon, a little nutmeg, flour.

COOKIES: 2 cups sugar, 2 eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water, 2 teaspoonsful baking powder, flour to make a soft dough, bake quick.

CRETAIS CAKE: 3 cups flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar, shortening sized of an egg, a little salt, a little grated nutmeg, rub all together and wet with sour milk or buttermilk—it will take near a cupful to make it into a very stiff dough, then add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful soda with teaspoonful cream-tartar dissolved in a little sour milk. Put on 4 deep pie dishes and put crumbs on top made of 3 tablespoonsful flour, 3 tablespoonsful sugar, 1 tablespoonful butter and a little grated nutmeg. Bake about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

From our special correspondent.

Our World's Fair Letter.

CHICAGO, April 12, 1893.

It will be recorded in the pages of history that, in the year of our Lord, 1893, a city of temples and palaces, more stupendous in design, more magnificent in splendor than any described in the tomes of mediæval romance, or that ever found birth in the wildest flights of oriental conception—an enchanted capital, conceived by master minds, and reared by an army of 20,000 skilled artisans within a twelve month—was formally opened to the World for the purpose of an exposition, whereto every tribe and nation on earth brought its choicest treasures and poured them out at the feet of the Genius of the new world.

Within these gleaming palaces of her mighty inland sea, the fruit of the earth, the products of the sea, the wealth of the mines, and the treasures of the mind of man will be gathered for the inspection of the World. 'Tis labor and brains combined. The World's Columbian Exposition will stand as a magnificent climax of four centuries of the evolution of civilization. In little less than three weeks the gates of the mighty exposition will be thrown ajar to the world. Its history in years to come will read like an Iliad. Its lessons will constitute an epic poem. It will be a university, at which every citizen of the United States should be a student. Its effect will be felt for all time, and it will have a great influence upon the future of man.

The North Star state will be in rank with a fine exhibit May 1. The decorations of the State building are unique and interesting in the illustration of what can be done with grain and grass in the hands of skillful decorators. At the head of the stair—leading to the upper story, there is a window on which is worked in pleasing harmony of colors and design, the coat of arms of the State and the motto, "L'Étoile du Nord." Heavy headed stalks of wheat, of rich golden yellow, are the principle material used, but in the decorations all varieties of grain and the principle grasses are utilized. The effect of this blending of colors in the use of heads of grain, timothy, clover and other grasses, is as pleasing as it is novel. To the ladies of Pipestone credit is due for a piece of work that will attract the attention of all visitors at the building. It is the mantle piece in the ladies' reception room, the centre of which is carved in the form of a book labelled "Songs of Hiawatha by Longfellow." An Indian pipe and hatchet appears to be crossed behind the block, the whole thing being a highly polished piece of pipestone four feet square.

An interesting feature of the mining exhibit from this State will be a miniature mine in full operation sent from Tower City. This model is about 6 feet high and 4 feet wide, and its object is to demonstrate the method of mining iron ore—showing all the various levers, apparatus pertaining to a mine, and even the miners with their lamps in their hands.

The Midway Plaisance presents a motley scene. The Turkish mosque is thronged with visitors every day. With one exception last Sunday was the greatest day the World's Fair proper has ever seen, the turnstiles show that 13,907 people passed into the grounds, and it is reported that 30,000 people visited Midway Plaisance. There is no admission charged to enter the Plaisance and its cosmopolitan character of architecture, the beauty of its disorder and lack of design, the lively variation in color, coupled with motley exhibition of darkskinned orientals, made a great attraction.

Three tons of honey will be seen in one great pyramid. The Minnesota Bee-keepers Association is preparing an apiary-exhibit. Honey in all forms will be shown. The pyramid is to be eight feet high, and will be composed of over 6,000 pounds of honey. This will be a very interesting exhibit, and the managers expect it to capture all honors in this department.

Oregon has adopted a very practical

Collegeville, Montg. Co., Pa.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, April 20, 1893.

WHY NOT?

It seems to be a settled fact that the trolley or electric railway system, about to be adopted in Norristown, will be continued to Jeffersonville. Why not extend the same to Collegeville? Beyond question a trolley line between here and the county seat would prove to be a profitable investment as well as a source of much convenience to the traveling public and of great material advantage to this section of the county. We have no hesitancy in saying that an electric road would not only enhance the value of every property along the line but it would afford this town the advantages it has long stood in need of. By being directly connected with Norristown and Philadelphia this place would soon become one of the most popular inland towns in the State. That the electric road would be well patronized scarcely admits of a single doubt. Aside from regular passenger traffic, which alone would make the line profitable, it is only reasonable to anticipate that in summer time when the sloping hillsides are dressed in their garb of deepest green—when the wide expanse of landscape viewed from the apex of Skippack hill affords a stretch of natural scenery almost unequalled anywhere, many hundreds of Philadelphians and Norristowners would ride over the road simply on pleasure bent. We hope some earnest effort will be put forth to have the trolley line extended from Norristown to this place, and we furthermore trust that property owners in this locality will be fully awake to the feasibility and importance of the project and act accordingly.

We observe that even Brother Roberts can handle a correspondent "with gloves" when he is so disposed. Even so.

On Tuesday the House voted to unseat Baker and to seat Taggart, by a party vote. Only one Republican dissented.

PHILADELPHIA'S most noted criminal lawyer, James H. Heverin Esq., died Thursday of last week. For a quarter of a century he stood at the head of the Quaker City bar in criminal jurisprudence.

TUESDAY Governor Pattison appointed Professor N. C. Schaeffer, principal of the Kutztown State Normal School, Superintendent of Public Instruction, for four years, to succeed Professor Waller, whose term expired on the 1st inst. The nomination will be confirmed by the Senate.

The bill providing that voters shall cast their ballots at polling places inside the election district in which they are domiciled, and making it the duty of the Courts of Common Pleas and the Sheriff to carry out the provisions of the same, came up as a special order and passed second reading in the House, Monday, and will doubtless become a law. A statute of this kind should have been enacted long ago.

On Tuesday, May 2, the School Directors of Montgomery county will elect a county superintendent to serve three years. Of course it is reasonable to anticipate that the Directors will re-elect the present incumbent of the office, Prof. R. F. Hoffecker. He is recognized as one of the foremost public school superintendents in the State and his right to this distinction is sustained by unquestioned capacity, and unflagging zeal in the cause of popular education.

TAXATION should be as nearly equal as possible, and every citizen and alien who engages in commerce, great or small, should be taxed with equality. Especially should such taxes be paid when no other taxes of any sort are exacted from them. The facts that over \$80,000 of revenue would be lost and that the bulk of these taxes are paid by those who pay no other taxes, have logically made legislators hesitate about approving the pending bill, at Harrisburg, which proposes to abolish mercantile taxes on dealers below \$3,000 per annum.

In a recent interview Mr. McLeod, who lately resigned the Presidency of the Reading Railroad Company, said that the collapse of the Reading's policy of seeking an outlet for its coal into New England was due to the antagonism of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, and his own resignation was brought about by a personal demand upon him by Mr. Drexel, under the penalty of refusal of any financial assistance for the road. Those who are financially interested in the Reading Company will therefore expect Mr. Drexel to put his shoulder to the wheel in the matter of effecting another reorganization of the Company—since he has assumed the role of dictator for that corporation. Had Mr. McLeod been sustained in his policy we believe that he would ultimately have succeeded in placing the Reading corporation upon a prosperous and sound financial basis.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, April 7, 1893.

The Senators in discussing the resolution offered by Mr. Vorhees, instructing the committee on Interstate Commerce to investigate and report whether the recent decision of Judge Ricks, defining the rights of railway companies and railway employees, made it necessary to enact new laws or repeal existing laws, in order to protect the laboring man in his inalienable rights and to prevent his becoming the victim of corporation greed, made it plain that there was a wide difference in their opinion of the meaning of the decision in question. Senator Vorhees and Gorman agree in believing that it meant untold disaster for the railroad employes whom they think it places in the defenseless position of enlisted soldiers. Senator Peffer, who claims not only to represent the wage earner, but to be one himself, takes the opposite view of the decision, which he regards as the first step in a new era in the relations between labor and corporations, and one that is altogether favorable to the labor side. These are the extremes. Other Senators think the U. S. Supreme Court, and not a Senate Committee, the proper tribunal to pass upon the decision of Judge Ricks.

The plain talk of some of the Senators upon several subjects this week indicates that some of the Senators were in bad humor, probably because they are tired of the extra session. The first explosion came when two or three resolutions authorizing committee investigations during the summer that would necessarily involve some more or less pleasant trips for Senators were offered. These trips were characterized by several Senators as entirely useless and only gotten up to enable those who go to have a good time at public expense. But the bitterest language was indulged in when the resolution proposing an investigation of Senator Roach was discussed in executive session. A sensation was created by a speech made by Sen. Vorhees in which he was bitterly attacked by Senator Hoar for insisting upon the investigation, and practically admitted that Senator Roach was guilty, but though he should be let alone because he had atoned for his crime by living a correct life ever since he went to Dakota. The democratic caucus finally decided that no investigation should be authorized at this session.

A friend of President Cleveland's speaking about this Roach affair said: "Mr. Cleveland does not feel that it is his duty or even his right to publicly express an opinion upon what concerns the Senate alone, but I know that he thinks a great mistake was made in ever opposing the proposition to investigate the public charge of embezzlement against Senator Roach, that he regrets the action of the caucus."

Ex-Premier Mercier of Quebec, and several other prominent Canadians are in town, they say, merely on a pleasure tour. Speaking of annexation, under the proper circumstances and conditions. That is, we wish to become an independent nation, so that we can negotiate for annexation upon terms that will be advantageous for Canada, and not for Great Britain, as would be the case if the negotiations were carried on from London, as they would necessarily have to be under present conditions. Being asked if there was any probability that Canada would be peacefully allowed to become an independent nation, Mr. Mercier replied: "Independence may, in my opinion, be had by Canada for the asking. During my recent visit to England I talked with many prominent Englishmen on the subject, and found the liberals all favorably inclined and also many of the conservatives. Mr. Gladstone is on record as favoring the independence of Canada, and I believe we shall get it in the near future; also that we shall eventually come into the United States."

It was expected that the Senate would have adjourned this week, but when a committee waited upon President Cleveland to learn his pleasure, he told them that he would not be able to send in all the nominations he wished acted upon before the last of this or the first of next week. The Senate committee on Privileges and Elections reported a resolution providing for an investigation of the claim of Mr. Joseph W. Ady, of Kansas, to have been legally elected to the seat now held by Senator Martin. Although the resolution authorizes the committee to sit during the recess to make the investigation it is regarded as doubtful whether the resolution, which was referred to the committee on Contingent Expenses, will be acted upon at this session. If it isn't, of course, the committee cannot sit during the recess.

MORE THAN THE PREACHER ASKED.

From the New-Bramfels Herald.

A prominent minister, invited to a colored congregation, took occasion to give them some good, wholesome doctrine on the moralities of life. In the closing prayer the colored preacher said: "O Lord, bless the brother that preached to us to-night. He's brought us the gospel about good livin'. He's done told us we must quit lyin' and quit stealin' and quit gettin' drunk; and he's told us we must pay our debts and keep our word good. O Lord, bless him with power and strength to practice what he preaches."

SOME GROUND FOR A GOLD WAVE.

From the Lewisburg Saturday News.

Some one with a genius for arithmetic figures out that the United States will be richer \$300,000,000, because of money left here by foreigners who come to visit the World's Fair. To this he adds the \$100,000,000 which American visitors are accustomed to leave every summer in Europe, but which this year they will spend at home. A distinguished financier once said that the resumption of specie payment was made possible in 1879 only by reason of the wealth left among us by foreign visitors to the Centennial Exposition of 1876. The estimate, therefore, does not seem absurd.

DIVORCE STATISTICS.

From the Buffalo Courier.

A statistician who has been looking into the matter of divorce has found that the proportion of divorces to population is least in Ireland—only one divorce to every 100,000 inhabitants. In the United States the proportion of divorces is enormously large, 88.71 to every 100,000 population, the largest known, in fact, save in Japan, the figures for that happy empire being 608.45 divorces to every 100,000 population.

"BABY IS DEAD."

A FEW TOUCHING WORDS THAT WILL AROUSE TENDER EMOTIONS.

From the Sayville News.

"Baby is dead!" Three little words passing along the line, copied somewhere but soon forgotten. And after all it is quiet we again lean our head upon our hand and fall into a deep reverie on all that those words imply. Somewhere a dainty form, still and cold, unclasped by a mother's arms, to-night beneath white lids that no voice can ever raise again. Two soft hands, whose rose leaf fingers were wont to wander lovingly around mother's neck and face, loosely holding white buds, quietly folded in confined rest.

Soft lips, yesterday rippling with laughter, sweet as woodland brookfalls, gay as trill of forest bird, to-night unresponsive to kiss or call of love.

A silent home—the prattle of baby's voice forever hushed—a cradle bed unpressed. Little shoes half-worn, dainty garments and shoulder knots of blue folded with aching heart away. A tiny mound, covered, in the quiet gray.

A mother's groping touch, in uneasy slumber, for the fair head that shall never again rest upon her bosom. The low sob, the bitter tear, as broken dreams awake to sad reality. The hopes of future years wrecked, like fair ships that suddenly go down in sight of land.

The watching of other babies, dimpled, laughing, strong, and this one gone! The present agony of grief, the future emptiness of heart, all held in those three little words "Baby is dead!"

THE TERRIBLE WORK OF A CYCLONE.

DETROIT, April 13.—Portions of Michigan were swept last evening by a destructive cyclone, causing loss of life and much damage to property. The town Ypsilanti was almost entirely destroyed.

St. Louis, April 13.—The cyclone tore its way through Missouri from southwest to northwest. The towns which suffered most are comparatively small and nearly all located in the northwestern part of the State on a strip lying to the southeast of Kansas City. Twenty-three persons are known to have been killed outright and a large number were fatally injured. As if this horrible toll were not enough the storm left little to survivors to live life over again with. Houses, barns, stock, everything was swept before the storm's fury. At Hawkins Bank the scene was most horrible. When relief reached there not a soul in the place had had a morsel to eat for twenty-four hours, as provisions, cook stoves etc., were all blown away.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 13.—Robinsonville, Miss., a small town twenty miles south of Memphis, was entirely destroyed by a cyclone yesterday evening. Seventeen people are killed and a half hundred were wounded. A few minutes after the tornado struck the town fire broke out in the debris of a Chinese laundry, and the mass of wreckage caught fire and burned all night and to-day. Several bodies of those killed by the falling houses were burned to a crisp.

Mrs. Emma Lusk, wife of the night operator, was in her house with her husband and three children. The husband got out, the woman was killed and the three children were blown a hundred yards through the air. They were naked when found, but uninjured.

Isaac Chapman was crushed under the ruins of his house and was likewise burned, along with three other negroes whose names are unknown. The body of an old negro was found today in an open field. It is probable she was dropped there by the wind.

The property loss in the town will reach \$100,000. Thirteen stores, six residences, three churches and a hundred negro cabins were destroyed.

Deserving Praise.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. For sale by J. W. Culbert, Druggist.

GREAT BARGAINS!

In Order to Reduce Our Stock, We are Selling Our Stock of Cloths, Cassimeres and Suitings, Men's, Boys', Women's and Misses

—SHOES—

AT COST!

JUST RECEIVED A STOCK OF NEW SPRING TRUNKS, GINGHAM, &c.

A NICE NEW LINE OF

Ladies' and Misses Shoes

At away down prices. A fine line of

Notions and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

GROCERIES!

And all Goods kept in a First-class Country Store.

Good California Raisins, 4 lbs. for 25c. California Prunes, Peaches and Apples, Canned Currants. A fine Syrup Molasses, 30c. Head-light Oil in five gallon lots, 5c.

Come and see and be convinced that we are selling goods at prices to meet all competition. Thanking our friends for past favors, we are truly yours,

Beaver & Shellenberger

TRAPPE, PA.

Hood's Cures



Mrs. Mary Speakman, of Philadelphia.

A Week of Writing

Would Not Tell the Story

Scrofula for Seven Years—Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"A week devoted to writing would not be sufficient to tell of the good Hood's Sarsaparilla has done me. Seven years ago a running sore appeared on my ankle, which grew worse until it entirely covered my foot and the bones came out of my toes. I was confined to the bed at the time, had no other foot, right arm and hand. Holes were eaten in my lower limbs, my arm was a great sore from the shoulder down, and the bones came out of two of my fingers. Words

Cannot Tell My Sufferings.

I could not sleep and had no appetite. About three years after the first appearance of the disease my husband read of what Hood's Sarsaparilla had done for others, and urged me to try it. I was confined to the bed at 4 o'clock in the morning, and before I had finished the bottle, could sleep and not only eat, but enjoy my food. Now the

Sores are All Healed Up

with the exception of one spot on my limb. I thank God for having directed my husband's attention to Hood's Sarsaparilla, otherwise I should have been in my grave. I can now move about with the aid of crutches, and will always need their assistance, but at least I have seen my condition when I commenced to take

Hood's Sarsaparilla

would marvel that I am now alive to move at all. Mrs. MARY SPEAKMAN, 2725 Latona Street, Philadelphia.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, constipation, biliousness, jaundice, sick headache, indigestion

COMING!

New Spring Goods

ARE COMING!

Every Week Brings New Additions of Some Sort. Perhaps it may be a Little Early to Talk Spring Goods to Some Readers, But Others Will Buy Now.

It is the Early Buyer we are now Prepared for.

Don't fail to drop in and see what beautiful things are coming out for spring and summer needs. We have an elegant selection in Marshall's Satine, Chambray, Glace, Unpacked over 300 yds. Calicoes, Remnants, also in Remnants in Dress and Apron Gingham; also in Shirting, Cheviot, Satine, &c. Spring styles in Hats and Straw Hats. Prices and quality that cannot be excelled. Full line of Hardware—Shovels, rakes and hoes, paints in variety of colors, lead and oil; paint brushes sold at bottom prices. GROCERIES: We have a stock on hand to the complete and well stocked department—Full line syrups, 25c. a gallon and upwards; 4 lbs. large raisins, 25c.; 4 lbs. head rice 25c.; 4 lbs. tapioca 25c.; crystal rice 5c. lb. 6 lbs. for 25c. Space will not permit to quote prices of the many more astonishing figures in dried and canned goods.

M. T. HUNSICKER,

IRONBRIDGE, PA.

New Dress Goods!

Our reduction sale continues and attracts so many customers and enables us to sell so many MORE GOODS than can be done at regular full prices, that we have decided to keep it up until thousands of new customers have been made to realize the fact that OUR STORE is the place for RIGHT SORT OF GOODS at the LOWEST PRICES POSSIBLE.

We have a choice and varied assortment of

New Dress Goods

for Autumn and Winter, including eight grades of

BLUE STORM SERGES!

And a great variety of other new sorts, from the lowest priced up to fine French Silk and Wool novelties in beautiful combinations of shades in

Diagonal, Cords, Dots, Mixtures, and Stripes

It much FINER GRADES than are kept anywhere else in Pottstown

Our New Coats which we had made to our order during the summer are coming in, and we will show the best variety ever shown in Pottstown at the very lowest prices.

Leopold's,

254 HIGH ST.,

POTTSTOWN, PA.

The People's Pleasure Resort,

Is continually growing in popular favor. It is because numerous attractions please the people. That's why.

The following figures show how it has been growing in public favor:

1890..... 15,000

1891..... 18,000

1892..... 78,000

Books now open for engagements. Secure your days early, as the best days go quick. New attractions for this season. Large and handsome buildings. Address, for particulars, &c.,

H. R. RITTENHOUSE,

Oakview Park, Norristown, Pa.

Parties desiring dates can secure the same by calling at this office.

A MOS KRATZ,

—DEALER IN—

Fish, Vegetables and Fruits,

IRONBRIDGE, PA.

Will visit Collegeville and vicinity Monday and Friday of each week. Patronage kindly solicited.

1893.

GRAND DISPLAY

Furniture, Carpets,

BEDDING, &c.,

—AT—

Collegeville Furniture Warerooms!

We have taken special care in selecting our Spring Stock, and believe we have the finest selection of stock ever offered in this place or any other in Montgomery County. Young Housekeepers will be interested and greatly benefited by calling and obtaining prices.

Brussels, Ingrain and Rag Carpets

STAIR CARPETS and RUGS of all kinds.

Window Shades with spring rollers, as low as 25c. Shades with Linen Fringe, 50c. to \$1.00. Oak and Walnut Bedroom Suits in great variety. A big line of Fancy Rockers, Lounges, Couches, Sideboards and Hall Racks. Wilton, Plush, Silk Tapestry and Hair Cloth Parlor Suits at astonishingly low prices. Chamber Sets, Fancy Lamps, Vases and Umbrella Stands. Bed Springs, Mattresses, Feathers, and Bedding of all kinds.

OIL CLOTHS

Both Table and Floor. Picture Frames made to order.

Upholstering and all kinds of repairing done at low prices.

All goods delivered free of charge. 5 per cent allowed for cash.

Our Motto is: Low prices, quick sales and small profits.

John L. Bechtel,

COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

Specialties for Spring

which are Remarkably Cheap.

Have Just Opened a Case of Fine

Dress & Apron Gingham!

4 yards for 25c. Colors fast and quality excellent.

Simpson's Fast Calicoes, in Remnants, 3 yds. Cheviot Shirting, 4 yds. for 25c. Extra fine Toweling, 5c. a yard. Men's extra fine seamless hose, 2 pair for 25c.

Spring Styles of Gents' Neck Wear,

25 and 50c., and latest in LINEN COLLARS.

We have Fine Assortments of Gents' Tourist Hats, College

Ca's, and a Good Every Day Hat for 25 Cents.

SHOES AND RUBBERS!

Frederick's Hand-made Shoes are in and prices away down. Plow Shoes for \$1.00 and \$1.25. Men's Lace Shoes, extra good, \$1.25. Children's Shoes, \$1.00. Extra fine Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, from \$1.00 to \$2.50.

FULL LINE OF HARDWARE!

Shovels, Rakes, Hoes, Chicken Wire, &c.

Choice Early Rose Seed Potatoes, \$1.25 per bushel.

Onion Sets and All Other Variety of Seeds, and guaranteed to give satisfaction.

Extra Choice Groceries

We have the finest Syrups in the Market. New Orleans Molasses, Large California Prunes, 2 lbs. for 25c. Apples and Peaches, Full Cream Cheese. Extra fat Mackerel, 4 lbs. best head rice for 25c.

Have received a car load of Cement, and will quote low price in lots

W. P. FENTON,

21 Feb COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

SHIRTING

Cheviot Remnants!

1 to 10 yards long, some 10c. and some of 12 1/2 quality—all go at 8c. a yard. We have enough for everybody within 5 miles of us.

CALICO REMNANTS at 4c. a yard.

SATINE REMNANTS, in all colors, at 8c. a yard.

Housekeeping Outfits:

Not only in the DRY GOODS PART, such as Muslins, Sheetings, Tickings, Cottons, &c., Ready-made Comforts—not only in these do we surpass others, but also in

BED ROOM SUITES, KITCHEN FURNITURE, PARLOR SUITES, Piano and Decorated Dinners, Bedsteads, Common Groceries, Carpets, whether Rag, Ingrain or Brussels; the list could be made too endless, but what is the use? Most people know we keep a larger assortment of everything in the HOUSEFURNISHING line and have more room in which to show our goods than any other store in the country outside of cities and boroughs.

Next to assortment comes the question of PRICE, in the buyers' mind. To us this is an easy one to settle: We just put prices at the point where no honest tradesman dare go below it and expect to continue business.

We do our business more cheaply than most competitors, because of the Superior Location. Much more cheaply than our city and borough competitors because of low rents; add to this that we are willing to work for SMALL PROFITS, and our SURPRISINGLY CHEAP OUTFITS are explained. In point of service, accommodations and perfect service to buyers, we are setting the fashion so to speak.

The Cheapest thing in the Furniture Line we ever had of it. A complete Oak Bed-room Suite (No 3 piece trick) for \$22.

KULP & WAGNER

GRATER'S FORD, PA.

J. E. DAVIS,

Blacksmith,

AT THE OLD STAND JUST ABOVE PERKINSON BRIDGE.

All Kinds of BLACKSMITHING

DONE IN THE BEST MANNER.

Horse-shoeing a specialty. 14ap3m.

Schissler Colleges

Business and Shorthand

NORRISTOWN, PA.

—Albertson Trust Building—

and MANAYUNK, PA.

Schools in Session until June 30, '93

Thorough training in all necessary subjects. Day and Night Sessions

Graduates of both sexes assisted to positions.

Pupils can enter at any time.

For Prospectus and names of addresses, A. J. SCHISSLER, President.



If Your Eyes Need Attention,

They Need It At Once!

Delays are dangerous and may easily result in irreparable mischief. Give the sight all the help it can receive by the aid of spectacles properly fitted and adjusted to your eyes.

Only an Expert Optician can select Glasses of the lens you require. Don't make the mistake of choosing glasses for yourself or allowing any one not an Optician to do it for you.

We have GOLD EYEGLASSES and SPECTACLES from \$2.50, up. All Kinds of Optical Work a Specialty.

J. D. Sallade, Graduate Optician, 16 E. Main St., Norristown, Pa.

SILVERWARE

COMPLETE TEA, DINNER AND DESERT SERVICES.

CAKE, BERRY, FRUIT AND CEREALY DISHES.

A SUPERB ASSORTMENT COMPRISING ALL

THE LATEST IDEAS OF THE SEASON.

NEW STYLES PARTICULARLY CONSPICUOUS

for Elegance and Distinctiveness.

G. LANZ'S, No. 211 DeKalb Street, Norristown, Pa.

COLLEGEVILLE DRUG STORE.

Compound Cough Syrup Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup, &c.

Home Flashes and Sparks From Abroad.

By way of a starter

The April shower, Friday evening.

More than answered all purposes.

Many a plowed field presented extensive washouts next morning.

And portions of the lower and middle wards were under water, too.

Advertising is to business what steam is to machinery—the grand propelling power.—Macaulay.

Thieves made another and the fifth haul in the borough market house, Norristown, Saturday or Sunday night.

D. H. Casselberry sold 18 Iowa horses at public sale at Perkiomen Bridge, Thursday, at an average price of \$125.

M. O. Roberts, of this place, has secured the contract to furnish a boiler and steam heating appliance for the large green house of Mr. S. Brown, Germantown, Pa.

The work of constructing Walter George's new house in the lower ward, is under way. Daniel Shuler, of Trappe, has charge of the carpenter work.

Harry, alias Jonathan Barr, has been committed to jail for court for the larceny of goods taken from Joseph McMoran, Lower Merion.

Read the new advertisement of the Providence Square Store. Proprietor Gotsals has something to say about prohibition.

Bills for appropriating \$72,000 for the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown and \$18,000 for a hospital at Pottstown were introduced in the House of Representatives on Monday.

R. M. Root, the popular batter of Pottstown, has something interesting to say in our advertising columns. His stock of hats and gents' furnishing goods is simply immense.

The work of building an extensive addition to the ice and cold storage plant of W. H. Young & Son, Pottstown, is now progressing rapidly. When completed the capacity of the plant will be 85 tons per day.

A large new derrick is about to be reared at the works of the Roberts Machine Company, this place.

Perkiomen Seminary, Pennsylvania, has 51 students. It is owned and educationally managed by the Schwenkfelders.

B. C. Davis, of Oaks, deals in the latest improved farming implements. See his ad. in another column.

The insane asylum at Danville is being overcrowded. The asylum was built to accommodate 700 patients, but there are now 1200 in it, and many are forced to sleep in the corridors.

Women are now eligible to the office of Notary Public in Pennsylvania, the Governor having signed the act passed by the Legislature. This, too, whether they wear crinoline or not.

In the Liquor License Court Monday a petition was presented, signed by eighteen "wives and daughters," presenting a "plea for a licensed saloon in or near our neighborhood, to prevent our husbands, fathers and brothers from crossing over the railroad at American street and Indiana avenue, Philadelphia, when they wish to buy liquor," etc.

MATRIMONY.

April 12, 1893, by Rev. J. T. Meyers, Green Tree, Md. E. Eddlestone to Miss Annie Egolf, both of Montgomery county, Pa.

At 11 a. m., to-day, Mr. Howard Higley, of Lower Providence, and Miss Amanda Detwiler, of near Fairview, will be married at the home of the bride's mother, Rev. C. R. Brodhead will perform the ceremony.

RELIGIOUS.

M. E. church, Evansburg, Sabbath school at 9.30 a. m., every Sabbath. Preaching, 10.45 a. m., and every Sabbath evening at 7.30.

Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Roversford at 7 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, Rector.

Preaching at St. Luke's Sunday at 10 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Second practical talk in the evening series on the Life of Joseph.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Sunday, April 23, at 8.45, Sunday School; at 10, preaching by Rev. Prof. Stitz; at 3, Junior C. E. Prayer meeting; at 7.30 o'clock, services under the direction of the C. E. Society. The pastor will preach at Skippackville in the morning at 10 o'clock, and in the evening at Ironbridge Chapel at 7.30 o'clock. The annual offerings for beneficiary education by Trinity church of this place, will be lifted at this coming Sunday morning service.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY Y. P. S. C. E.

The third anniversary of the Y. P. S. C. E., of St. Luke's church, Trappe, will be celebrated by a special service this (Thursday) evening, exercises to commence at 7.45 o'clock. The following Societies are expected to be present in a body or by representatives: Trinity Y. P. S. C. E., of Collegeville; Epworth League, Spring City; C. E., of Spring City; C. E., of Roversford; C. E., of Schwenksville, and members of different Societies in Norristown. Special music by male quartette, of Spring City, by Mr. Harter and Mrs. Fetterolf, of Collegeville, and Anthem Club, of Schwenksville. Addresses by Mr. Fergusson, Secretary State Y. P. S. C. E., and Rev. H. T. Spangler.

A Million Friends.

A friend in need is a friend indeed, and not less than one million people have found just such a friend in Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Cough and Colds. If you have never used this Great Cough Medicine, one trial will convince you that it is a wonderful curative power in all diseases of throat, chest and lungs. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money will be refunded. Trial bottles free at J. W. Culbert's Drug Store. Large bottles 50c. and \$1.00.

Y. W. C. T. U.

The Y. W. C. T. U., of Lower Providence, will hold its regular monthly meeting at the residence of Mr. N. D. Johnson. All are cordially invited.

G. A. R.

Assistant Inspector Captain H. H. Fetterolf, a member of Geo. B. McClellan Post, No. 515, G. A. R., of Schwenksville, will go to Pottstown next Saturday evening to inspect M. Edgar Richards Post, No. 595.

GRAND CONCERT.

A grand concert, by the Wissahickon Minstrel Troupe, will be given in Gross' Hall, this place, on Saturday evening next, April 22. The program will consist of Ethiopian sketches, comic and sentimental songs, glees, readings, laughable farces, &c. Admission, 25 cents, for all seats.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Winter bran, \$18 and \$18.50; flour, \$2.75 to \$4.40; rye flour, \$3.20; wheat, 74 1/2 to 76 1/2; corn, 49 1/2; oats, 40c; butter, 30 to 35c; live fowls, 13 @ 13 1/2; dressed, 13 @ 14 1/2; hay, timothy, \$1.10 @ \$1.15; straw, 70 @ 75c; beef cattle, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2; sheep, 4 1/2 to 6 1/2; hogs, 10 @ 10 1/2.

SPECIAL CIVIL COURT.

A special civil court is being held at Norristown, this week, Judges Swartz and Weand on the bench. The following persons from this section are among the jurymen: Enos H. Detwiler, Perkiomen; H. W. Beyers, Skippack; Samuel Auguee, William Amos, Jacob C. Gotsals, J. Warren Rosenberger, of Upper Providence.

COLUMBIAN TEA.

The "Columbian" Tea to be given in Gross' Hall on the afternoon and evening of April 26, by the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church, promises to be an enjoyable event. Beside a seasonable bill-of-fare, consisting of oysters, chicken salad, ice cream, &c., there will be a variety of useful articles on sale. Sun bonnets, aprons, and dusting caps in abundance. Tickets 10 cents. The public cordially invited.

DEATH OF AN EX-SUPERVISOR.

John Bartholomew died at his residence, Mont Clare, Friday, aged about 79 years. Deceased had been a lifelong resident of this township, and for many years conducted the blacksmithing and wheelwright business at the old stand near Green Tree. He was well known and enjoyed the esteem of a wide circle of friends. Several years ago he served acceptably as one of the Supervisors of the township. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon. Interment at Green Tree cemetery.

MADE A PURCHASE.

J. T. Keyser, proprietor of the Collegeville Bakery, recently purchased of Captain H. H. Fetterolf a lot of land adjoining his property and extending to Brimhurst street, having a frontage of 200 feet and a depth of 200 feet, together with the stone tower house standing thereon. \$1450 was the amount paid. Mr. Keyser expects some time in the future to improve the lot by razing the old house to the ground and building a residence of modern design.

STILL MISSING.

The absence of George Schurr, of Linfield, is still a mystery. Before departing last week he wrote a note stating that he intended to find a "watery grave." The presumption is however that he did not find it. The Sheriff on Saturday levied upon the creameries of Schurr Bros., one of which is at Sanatoga and the other at Pennsburg. Christian and George Schurr are the members of the firm, the former living in Philadelphia. The levy was made on four executions aggregating \$3000 on judgments held by Philadelphia parties.

FATALLY POISONED.

A sad case of accidental poisoning occurred at Limerick Square on Friday afternoon, which resulted in the death of Irene, a 3-year-old daughter of Hannah Schlechter. The child found a number of pills which contained poison belonging to her grandmother, and swallowed several of them. In a short time she was taken violently ill. A physician was summoned and tried in every way to neutralize the effects of the deadly drug, but without avail, and death ended the child's sufferings.

THE AUDITORS SHOULD BE PAID.

The township and borough auditors who attended to printing and distributing the tickets at the February election, have as yet received nothing for their services. Bills have been presented to the County Commissioners aggregating about \$1500. The auditors are entitled to a fair remuneration for their services. Their work last February was responsible in character and required considerable time in driving through snow drifts and blizzards.

NO, NO.

Our brethren of the Roversford Tribune, Messrs. Bailey & Shomo, must not jump at conclusions too hastily. Our Limerick correspondent simply reiterated a current statement when he observed that Roversford's building boom had partly collapsed. It does not follow at all that because a correspondent states what he observes or hears that he is a "disgraced sorehead." In this particular instance, our correspondent as well as the INDEPENDENT, wish Roversford all the prosperity possible; and yet the fact is apparent that for the time being the building boom is in a state of partial collapse. But why howl because the truth is told? When evidences of "renewed energy" become apparent, surely our correspondent will be very glad to take note of the same.

Deafness Can't be Cured

By local appliances, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a running sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out of the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that we cannot cure by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

A DEPUTY SHERIFF'S HOUSE ROBBED.

Sunday evening the residence of Deputy Sheriff W. W. Owen, No. 233 East Oak street, Norristown, was burglarized while Mr. and Mrs. Owen were attending church services. Upon their return they soon discovered that their home had been robbed, and further investigation revealed a loss of several hundred dollars' worth of goods—jewelry, souvenir spoons, heirlooms, table linen, &c. Scarcely without an exception everything movable was out of place, the contents of closets and drawers, of tables and the sideboard being dumped out over the floor in great confusion.

SAD, INDEED.

Charles A. Burns, aged 8 years, 1 month and 25 days, was drowned at Mont Clare, Montgomery county, on Thursday. He was missed from the home of his parents, at Port Providence, in the forenoon, when search was made, but it was not until 4 o'clock in the afternoon that his body was found in the canal, under the bridge at Mont Clare. The little fellow had been fishing, for his rod and line were near by. It is supposed that he was taken with a fit and fell off the bank into the water. It is said that Charlie Burns was a good swimmer, the best for his years in that section. His father, who is engaged at the Perkiomen Brick Works, is almost heart broken over his son's untimely death.

FINE ARCHITECTURAL WORK.

J. V. Poley, of the firm of A. C. Poley & Sons, contractors and builders, of Trappe, whose card appears in another column of this paper, has attained no small degree of skill as an architect, and his ability in that line is worthy of note. We had the pleasure of examining some of his plans and working drawings of new and original designs of modern architecture which are artistic and accurate in every particular. Mr. Poley has devoted several years to the study of the business, has been two years in the employ of a general contractor as draughtsman, and has given the subject of building careful study. Being also a practical carpenter, he is thoroughly prepared to execute plans, details and specifications for anything in the line of modern building.

BEWARE OF CRINOLINE.

An exchange calling attention to the fact that electrical experts are warning women to keep out of the crinoline, thus portrays the new danger: "By induction a woman wearing hoops may become a storage battery while walking along the street. On crossing electric railway tracks she may then emit sparks of fire, just like a car—a true case of spitting fire. Worse yet, should she be jostled much on the street, her hoops might cause the fire bell to ring, which would soon get everybody into a muss. Sitting in a car she might any time cause a crossing of currents, an occurrence often accompanied by the burning out of telephone instruments. The crinoline has all right thirty years ago, when the people lived under more simple conditions, but it won't do now." Just think of it, ladies!

FUNERAL OF CATHARINE HUNSBERGER.

The funeral of Catharine Hunsberger, relict of the late Abraham Hunsberger, which took place on Monday from her late residence at Trappe, was largely attended. The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. Clark Hibshman, assisted by two of her former pastors, Dr. H. H. Hibshman and Rev. H. T. Spangler. The text was taken from 2 Kings, 2d chapter, 9th verse: "And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." The deceased was highly respected and well beloved by all who knew her. She had reached the age of 82 years, 6 months and 20 days. She leaves six children to mourn the loss of a devoted mother; two sons and four daughters—Annie E., who resided with her mother; Isaac Hunsberger, Mrs. Frances Peterman, Mrs. Abram Isert, of Limerick; Rev. J. H. Hunsberger, of Bergen, N. J.; and Mrs. Wm. McHarg, of Lower Providence.

From Ironbridge.

M. R. Wanner will give an exhibition with his phonograph in Eagle Hall, this (Thursday) evening. Admission 10 cents.

At this writing Bertha Williams is lying seriously ill at her home with the measles.

Willie Underkoffler is sporting a new bicycle.

The public school at this place will close on May 1. The examination will be held May 4.

James S. Cassel, who is filling the position of watchman in the Ridge Avenue Farmers' Market, Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his family at this place.

CHARITY HOSPITAL.

Thus far this month the Lutheran congregations of the county have contributed \$406.92 to the Charity Hospital, Norristown with three churches yet to be reported. The fourth annual report of the operations of the Hospital has just been published. During the year 1892 there were treated in the wards 136 surgical and medical cases, which is an increase of 37 per cent. over the previous year. Mr. Haines says, beginning the year with only \$121.28 in the treasury, the available funds were gradually increased each month, owing to the never-failing kindness of friends in the many churches throughout the county and the appropriation by the Legislature, so that the balance-sheet at the end of the year showed up liberally for the work of the current year. Dr. John W. Loch, the treasurer, in his report, gives a total of \$5,951.87 in receipts during the year, from all sources, to wit, cash on hand January 6, 1892, \$121.38; donations and yearly dues, \$770.73; societies, \$114.70; churches through Women's Auxiliary, \$2,599.87; state appropriation, \$2,000; patients for board and maintenance, \$340.32; interest on endowment fund, \$4.87. The number of patients remaining January 1, 1892, were males, 9, females, 6. Total number admitted last year, 136. Of these 128 were free and 8 paid patients—94 males and 42 females. Average number of beds occupied daily, 9. Patients recovered, 47; improved, 63; not improved, 5; died, 14; in hospital December 31st, 7.

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For the INDEPENDENT.

You Can Do a Little Better.

Lines suggested on hearing the remark: "Well, I've been trying to do a little better, and it is only a little."

As you pass along life's journey Just for a moment think

What little acts of kindness will do,—

With love it's a kindness that's lasting

With love it's every link

If you do as you'd have others do to you.

A kind word if truly spoken,

A promise unbroken,

Will help to make life cheerful, bright and gay;

Scatter seeds of love and kindness

Along life's weary way;

You can do so much the better every day.

You can do a little better

Than you have done before,

You can help the weary traveler on his way;

You can aid your friend and brother,

From out your pious store,

You can do a little better every day.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters,"

It will return again.

'Tis a promise that is made in faith to you;

Circumstances sometimes alters

The good we oft might do,

But his promises you'll always find are true.

Then do a little better,

Do all the good you can,

Scattering gifts of love along life's weary way;

It is carrying out the pleasure

Of His most precious plan,

If you do a little better every day.

Only a cup of cold water

Just given in His name

Seems a trifle that most any one can do.

If you're faithful in a little,

There is promise of great gain;

Help to raise your fallen brother,

You can do so much the better

If you try.

Oaks, Pa., April 10th, 1893.

Ursinus College Notes.

On Wednesday evening, 12th inst., Dr. J. P. Moore, of Sandan, Japan, lectured on "Mission Work in Japan." At the close of the lecture a liberal collection was taken for the missionary cause.

The Rev. J. W. Meminger gave an interesting lecture in Bomberger Hall on Thursday evening, 13th inst. His subject was "The Art of Conversation," and was very well treated by the lecturer. The lecture was for the benefit of the Athletic Association and was fairly well attended.

On Saturday afternoon the U. C. base ball team played a game with Collegeville, resulting in a victory for the former, 16 to 6. The game was somewhat chilly, but the game was an interesting one, marked by good batting and brilliant fielding. The battery work of Plank and Kahn is deserving of attention.

String, of the Seminary, preached in Heidelberg Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday morning.

Jones, of the Seminary, preached at Roversford on Sunday morning. Harter sang a solo in the same place at the evening service.

On Saturday next a game of base ball will be played in Collegeville between the U. C. team and the Keystone team of Phoenixville. A good game is expected, and it is hoped that a large number will be out to witness the game and encourage the home team.

Dr. Good will give a lecture in Bomberger Hall on Tuesday evening, 25th inst., on the subject "The History of the Reformed Church." The lecture will be for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A., and will be preceded by a short drill by a class in gymnastics.

From Limerick.

The schools in Limerick are closing and the juveniles are happy.

H. L. Daub of Linfield has commenced the erection of a brick dwelling on the Church St. extension—Pennypackers addition.

Warren Linderman, of near Limerick Square, has been greatly afflicted with a swollen face caused by neuralgia.

A detachment of the Salvation army held forth in Latschaw's Hall, Roversford, last week. The only substantial fruits so far reported are the good collections. Roversford will soon be represented by every denomination under the sun.

Mrs. A. G. Coleman, of Limerick Square, moved to the residence of her son-in-law Dr. S. M. Lane, at Roversford, last week.

W. B. Johnson, of this place and a student of Spring City High School, will enter the Demorest contest for a silver medal to be held in Spring City, on Tuesday evening, May 2.

Barlow's Sunday School will hold its Ice cream and Strawberry Festival on Friday and Saturday evenings, June 9 and 10.

The correspondent from Oaks last week remarked: "Some people would like to have the earth." It was said of a certain man whom we happened to know, that he would like to have the whole world and about ten acres outside for a potato patch.

Unless the clerk of the weather insures us better weather our literary meeting will be indefinitely postponed. Trusting however that the "clouds have rolled by" for a season—we will announce an interesting program on Friday evening of this week, April 21. Music on the violin and organ. All are invited. It is probable that the annual Festival of this Society will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings of June 2 and 3.

Rev. E. Clark Hibshman preached in St. Luke's church, Trappe, last Sunday, from St. Mark 9:50 "Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another." Salt is a preservative and a strengthening element—"My Grace is sufficient for thee." Grace like salt—not only preserves the christian's integrity but strengthens, brightens and increases his Faith, Hope and Love. Peace is the chief of sublimity blessings. Peace in the heart, in the home, in the church, in the community, in the State and in the Nation. Oh how desirable!

When shall peace breathe her chain Round us forever;

When shall love freely flow

Pure as life's river;

When shall sweet Friendship glow,

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NOTICE!

The surviving members of the Corporation of "The Pennsylvania Female College, Collegeville," are requested to meet in the College office on Saturday, April 29, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

J. W. SUNDERLAND, Late Rector, Collegeville, Pa., April 13, 1893.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, on MONDAY, MAY 1, 1893, when an election for thirteen Directors will be held. The Board will meet at 9 a. m. Election, from 1 to 3 p. m.

GEO. W. STEINER, President.

A. D. Fetterolf, Secretary.

NOTICE!

In the court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Penna., of June Term, 1893.

On the 18th day of April, A. D. 1893, was presented the petition of

